



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Fire Fighters have been working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association since 1954 in their fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Fire Fighters have collected in excess of \$165 million in the past 47 years for the MDA's "Fill-The-Boot" program; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Fire Fighters spend hundreds of volunteer hours each year in transportation and counseling at the MDA summer camp; and

WHEREAS, Fire Fighters have spent more than 250,000 hours in the last 47 years collecting money on the streets for the MDA "Fill-The-Boot" campaign; and

WHEREAS, Fire Fighters locally and nationally are the largest contributor to the MDA, collecting millions of dollars to help fight the 43 neuromuscular disorders associated with the MDA; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, have reminded us of all the sacrifices Fire Fighters make in order to protect the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 2003, to be

FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH

in Idaho and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE